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Castaic Teacher Charged with Child Molestation

A Castaic Elementary School teacher accused of inappropriately touching young female students is scheduled to be arraigned this morning, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joshua Mark Levine (dob 11/28/71) of Canyon Country has been charged with four counts of child molesting in case 5NW00214.

Levine is expected to be arraigned in Department 2 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Santa Clarita Branch. Prosecutors are asking bail be set at \$80,000.

Prosecutors said Levine reportedly engaged in inappropriate behavior with four female students on school grounds in the 2014 - 2015 school year.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 4 years in county jail.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.